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SENT DEPARTMENT 2659, REPEATED INFORMATION MOSCOW 64, PARIS 353,
PRIORITY BONN 105.

PARIS FOR EMBASSY AND USRO

EMBTELS 2623 AND 2597

FONOFF CABLE TO WASHINGTON ON SITUATION CREATED BY
KHRUSHCHEV SPEECH STILL IN PREPARATION AND UNDERGOING
REVISION. FONOFF STILL OPPOSED TRIPARTITE PUBLIC
DECLARATION BUT HAS REJECTED IDEA OF TRIPARTITE PRIVATE
DEMARCHÉ IN MOSCOW (EMBTTEL 2623).

MEETING WITH MOD ON AIRLIFT MORNING NOVEMBER 14,
RESULTED IN CONCLUSION THAT WHILE SOVIETS COULD INTERFERE
WITH RADAR, PLANES CAN NOW DELIVER BIGGER LOADS AND
AIRLIFT COULD NOW PROBABLY BE ABOUT AS EFFECTIVE AS TEN
YEARS AGO. HOWEVER COAL STOCKS WOULD BE EXHAUSTED IN
ONE YEAR AND COULD NOT BE LONG MAINTAINED BY AIR.

RE DEPTTEL 4755, WHICH JUST RECEIVED, DEPARTMENT WILL NOTE
FROM FOREGOING THAT FONOFF AT PRESENT OPPOSED BOTH TO
PUBLIC TRIPARTITE DECLARATION AND TO TRIPARTITE DEMARCHÉ
BY AMBASSADOR. IN DISCUSSION WITH FONOFF OFFICIAL THIS
MORNING ON WHICH FOREGOING BASED, EMBOFF INQUIRED WHAT
PROCEDURE FONOFF DID PROPOSE AND FONOFF OFFICIAL REPLIED
FONOFF HAS NOT YET FOUND ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION.
SOME OFFICIAL HAS JUST TOLD EMBOFF THAT FONOFF OPPOSED
QUADRIPARTITE DISCUSSIONS UNTIL TRIPARTITE VIEWS FIRMED UP.

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